

An Island Village

and very pleasing ; in a strange land
and climate,
the most beautiful on earth;
surrounded by a
foreign race that all travellers have
agreed to be
the most engaging ; and taking a
double interest
in two foreign arts."

And yet again I cannot refrain from
quoting at
some length the following:

" You are to imagine a four-wheeled
gig; one
horse; in the front seat two Tahiti
natives, in
their Sunday clothes, blue coat, white
shirt, kilt
of a blue stuff with big white or yellow
flowers
legs and feet bare; in the back seat
me and my
wife ; under our feet, plenty of lunch
and things ;
among us a great deal of fun in broken
Tahitian,
one of the natives, the chief of the
village, being a
great friend of mine. Indeed we have
exchanged
names, so that he is now called Rui,
the nearest
they can come to Louis, for they
have no ' 1'
and no ' s' in their language. Rui is

six feet
three and a magnificent man.

" We drive between the sea, which
makes a
great noise, and the mountains ; the
road is cut